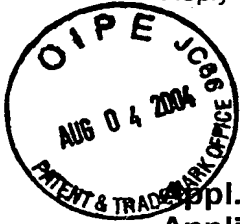


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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Herbert Bachler  
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GAU : 3736  
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**AMENDMENT "D"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004. The three month response period expired on July 19, 2004. Applicant's attorney hereby requests a one month extension of time to extend the response period through August 19, 2004. By this amendment, thirty-five (35) claims remain pending in this application including nine (9) independent claims. A check in the amount of \$540 is enclosed to cover the \$430 fee for five (5) independent claims not previously paid for and the \$110 one month extension of time filing fee.

In response to the Office action of April 19, 2004, paper no. 18, and the personal interview conducted on July 15, 2004 (paper no. 19), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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